

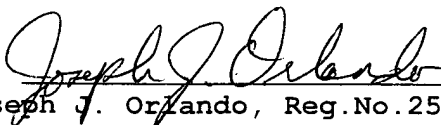
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

By the present amendment, the applicants have amended the claims in the application in order to overcome the Examiner's objections contained in paragraph number 2 on page 2 of the Office Action so as to reclaim the effective filing dates for the claims as December 28, 1989, April 29, 1990 and May 14, 1990.

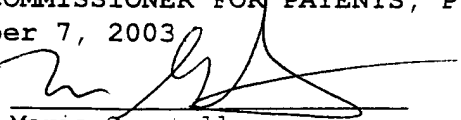
In view of the fact that the effective filing dates for claims 1 to 22 are no later than the dates indicated above which are prior to the effective dates of the references cited by the Examiner in the Office, i.e. U.S. Patent Nos. 5,744,053; 5,804,096; 5,202,044; it is submitted that the claims are patentable and should be allowed. Such action is respectfully solicited.

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